

**Community Name:** Barberton  
**Community Zip Code:** 23504

**Description of neighborhood:**

Includes: Attucks East, Attucks West, Barberton, and Westchurch. This neighborhood (adjacent to Huntersville) was the center of Black business, entertainment, religion and education in the early days. Today, the Crispus Attucks Theater is being restored, the Blyden Branch Library still remains on the site of Mission College, and historic churches are still being attended, even while the neighborhood has undergone extensive re-development.



From here, in addition to immediate access to local shops and services, it is a three-minute drive to the trendy Ghent 21st Street retail corridor, MacArthur Memorial, Center shops, theaters, restaurants and food court; Waterside events, shops, restaurants and food court; Chrysler Museum; Chrysler Center; Scope; The Virginia Symphony; and Granby Street entertainment.

Only a brisk ten-minute walk North to the Virginia Zoological Park, ten-minute drive to the Norfolk Botanical Garden and Norfolk International Airport. Scheduled bus service to the AMTRAK passenger train terminal in Newport News is a brief walk West of the Neighborhood.

**Types of houses:**

Single-family homes with some semi-detached in Barberton.

**Schools:**

Booker-T Washington High School and Norfolk State University are nearby.



**Neighborhood highlights:**

Includes site of the Mission College, at Blyden Branch Library. Eight churches are located in the area. The Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center provides a myriad of services to the neighborhood and is the home of the Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) which provides results-oriented GED and computer training.

**Places of workshop:**

First Calvary Baptist Church  
First Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A  
Garden of Prayer Temple  
Mason Memorial COGIC  
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
New Calvary Baptist Church

Union United Church of Christ  
United House of Prayer (Dining Room)

**History of neighborhood:**

Site of the first school for Blacks - Mission College.  
The Attucks Theater was designed and developed by  
a Black architect.

Continuing development in stages: Barberton;  
Attucks East; Attucks West; Westchurch, with  
Eastchurch to come.



**What makes my neighborhood special:**

Transformation of the area into single-family homes; the renovation of the  
Attucks Theater; being part of continuing development of the entire Huntersville  
area.

We have neighbors who care about where they live.

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